

NATIONALS SHOW GLASS IN ACTION

Victory From Galveston Won by Genuine Playing Ability.

BUNTING MAKES BIG IMPRESSION

This Feature, Backed Up by Base Running, Factor in Success of Team.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

GALVESTON, Tex., March 17.—Cheer up, fans, that was no fluke game Washington won from Galveston yesterday. The team played mighty good ball, both on the offense and defense. Bases were run in excellent style. Ganley and Unglaub worked the double steal, and Milan got bases on a sacrifice, a trick play Altizer used to turn. Street and Blankenship proved their arms were in excellent trim, each of them catching a man napping at second. Bunting was injected into the proceedings. Ganley made a perfect sacrifice, and beat out another bunt. Milan also laid down a sacrifice and escaped alive. The Galveston team were not as slow as you might think, and these credit marks for Washington were well earned. It was the bunting and base running that made the biggest impression. Every man was on his toes, and there was but one mistake. Ganley was on first in the fifth inning, when Unglaub fled right, and Ganley was doubled at first by a line drive which watched the ball better and would have done so had he not been more interested in running the bases than in the final score of such an exhibition. If the team keeps the pace it set yesterday, it is going to surprise a lot of white folks in the chilly North.

Of course, Walter Johnson was right there, as usual. Gray made his first appearance, as did Groom. Gray had speed and control but was not as steady as he will eventually be. Both he and Groom had rather easy deliveries, and should improve with major league experience, as neither is as yet a finished product. Groom was not half trying, because he does not get ready early in the spring, and because Canlon was in the home. Ganley would make a few hits to exercise his fielders, and to keep interest alive. Conroy's errors were both palpable, but he was much puzzled by the position of the ball on the diamond, which had recently been covered with fresh earth. The sounds were not heard, and he could not set himself properly. On a fast grass diamond he would have played a perfect game. He delivered three clean outfield hits.

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COMMENT ON SPORT TOPICS OF TODAY

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It looks like one James J. Jeffries is afraid of the Black Hand.

Goffer Murray, of the Phillies, can negotiate nine holes around the 100 mark in any kind of weather.

In the old days the pet diversion of the ball tossers was to throw china in the air and run the derby wheels or the hotels. Now the proper thing is golf and pink teas.

Dode Criss is a good pinch hitter, but he isn't going to pinch Owner Hedger for a \$500 salary for batting once an afternoon.

H. C. Pulliam is looking for a secluded spot to rest. Why can't he pick the American League Park in Washington.

AMERICUS TO MEET FOREIGNER TONIGHT

Crack Heavyweight Grapplers Will Hook Up in Baltimore Theater.

BALTIMORE, March 17.—Probably the most important wrestling match in this city in recent years will be decided tonight when Americus (Gus Schoenlein), of this city, the holder of the light heavyweight championship of America, and Bog Mongoff, of Asia, the champion of Europe, will grapple on the mat for the world's light heavyweight title at Albaugh's Theater.

The contest will be catch-as-catch-can style, for the best two in three falls, pin falls only to count. Both of the great wrestlers wound up their training yesterday and today, and that they were under the required weight, which calls for them to weigh in at 175 pounds, give or take a three pounds, at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

BOATHOUSE FOR CORNELL.

ITHACA, N. Y., March 17.—Those interested in the building of an intercollegiate boathouse at Cornell University have formed the Cornell Boating Association and articles of incorporation will be taken up at once. The house, and the subscribers to the house, and the men in charge of the movement say that this will be enough to buy a lot and build the house.

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RUNNING OF BASES HEIGHTENS CHANCES

Conroy Is Master At Art of Taking Long Lead, and Furnishes Exhibition Stunt For Other Members of Squad.

LETTERS TO WASHINGTON FANS—No. 9

Galveston, Texas.

March 17, 1909.

Dear Fanatic: Baserunning should prove a mighty important factor in the work of the Washington ball club this summer.

When you size up the material you will find Washington has about as much craftiness on the lines as any team in the American league. It is not composed of world-beaters, but there is a high general average of speed that should produce results if properly handled. "Wild" Conroy, the acquisition from New York, who is scheduled to play third base, but may get a job in the outfield, is said to take a longer lead off first than any other man in either major league. Not only fleetness of foot, but brains and knowledge of the game are responsible for his reputation in this direction. He keeps his eye on his number all the time and the infielder who tries to keep tabs on him is going to neglect his steady business of stopping the ball. Clark Griffith and Kid Elberfeld, both, when managers of the New York club, used to make Conroy give exhibitions of his ability to play off in order to furnish illustrations for some of the slower men. Cantillon is a crack on running bases and had that in mind more than Conroy's batting average when he made the purchase last winter.

Otis Clymer has come to the conclusion that keeping bangles on his wrist and his hat on his head has done more harm than good, hence he took them off last fall and has done all sorts of rough work in hunting and mountain climbing without disastrous results. He will start as the regular right fielder. This means a lot of trouble for our friends the enemy. Although he has made mistakes just like an ordinary human being, Clymer is one of the brainiest players Washington has. He is very fast for a big man and overlooks no chance to turn a trick. With Clymer and Ganley on the bags at the same time, Washington has a pair that will come pretty near duplicating any little specialty that has made history for the Chicago White Sox or the Detroit Tigers. They are much puzzled by the position of the ball on the diamond, which had recently been covered with fresh earth. The sounds were not heard, and he could not set himself properly. On a fast grass diamond he would have played a perfect game. He delivered three clean outfield hits.

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PIGEON FANCIERS ADOPT SCHEDULE

Southern Federation Decides Upon Lengthy Program, Starting May 23.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 17.—A meeting of the Southern Federation of Homing Pigeon Fanciers was held yesterday to arrange schedules, etc. For the coming races the following was adopted: Huntingdon, Pa., 100 miles, May 23; Port Allegheny, Pa., 200 miles, May 29; Niagara Falls, 300 miles, June 6; Midland, Canada, June 13; North Bay, 500 miles, July 7; and Pocomassing, Canada, 600 miles, July 14. The race from Midland will be in connection with the Atlantic Combine, including competition with all cities from Boston to Washington.

The clocks to be used in the above races are to be turned over to the race committees two weeks before the first race, for inspection and testing. They are to be set and sealed with an entirely new seal adopted and returned to one central point after the race. None but seamless banded birds will be allowed to compete. This organization expects to charter cars for the shipment of its birds to avoid the rough handling they generally receive in transit.

D. C. Buscall, of Washington, is president of the association, and W. J. Toy was the District's representative at the meeting.

Mickey Gannon will be boycotted by all fighters until he removes the steel wheel in his left hand. They might go farther and see if there is any battleship plate secreted in his head or old railroad iron in his ribs.

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CENTRAL LINE OUT IN EARLY PRACTICE

Absence of Captain Thomas Felt—May Leave Vacancy at Short.

Central High's baseball squad was out in full force at Union League Park yesterday afternoon, indulging in the first batting practice of the season.

Now that the squad has been thoroughly overhauled and weeded out, it is beginning to assume definite proportions, and from practice yesterday looks to be one of the best aggregations seen here for several years, not excepting the championship outfit at Tech last season. Nearly all of the positions have been filled with players who will be seen on the field when the season opens. Although the aggregation as a unit has had less than a week's work outdoors, it shows marked development.

The absence of Capt. Chic Thomas from the ranks, has occasioned much worry, and it is hoped that the youthful leader will make up the studies which are keeping him off the field. Thomas was one of the most consistent performers on the Dark Blue and White last season and will fill a big gap at short this year. Should he fail to pass his examinations, his loss will prove a big setback to the team.

CARR WILL JOIN BUTTE BALL CLUB

Washington Shortstop Will Leave for Western Town Late This Week.

Jack Carr, the veteran who a decade ago ranked with the best in local amateur ranks, will leave sometime this week for Butte, Mont., where he is signed to play short for that aggregation.

Jack Carr, the veteran who a decade nearly five years. He was a member of the American Association up until last season. A slump due mainly to poor health brought a release from the association ranks, but he was immediately picked up by a Western league team and some time ago sold to the Butte owners. Carr has been active part in football and basketball this winter as a member of the fast Holy Name aggregation, and as he has fully recovered his health he expects a successful season and a return to faster company.

MACE WILL UMPIRE IN VIRGINIA LEAGUE

Popular Washington Official Will Again Serve on Dominion State Staff.

In Secretary Farrell's latest bulletin, the announcement of a contract of Harry Mace with the South Atlantic League is made. When asked about this matter today, Secretary E. N. Gregory, Jr., of the Virginia State League, states that he holds a letter from President Jones, of the Sally League, which gives Mace a free hand, and which called off the deal which was on between the two.

Had Mace gone so far as to have accepted terms with the Sally circuit, Jones' letter serves as a release, and left Mace free to sign wherever he pleased, and his choice was the Virginia League. His contract was now with Secretary Farrell for promulgation.

READVILLE SALE IS NOW ASSURED

BOSTON, March 17.—The sale of the Readville Trotting Park to Audrey J. Welch, of Hartford, Conn., was ratified at a meeting of the stockholders of the New England Trotting Horse Breeders' Association held here today. Mr. Welch announced he would shortly issue his program for a meeting next August, which will be part of the grand circuit and will take the place of the scheduled meeting at Long Branch.

RACING FOR COALS

LOS ANGELES, March 17.—A race meeting next winter at Tia Juana, Mexico, opposite to the city of San Diego, is now an assured thing. Land comprising 423 acres has been formally transferred from the owner to the Tia Juana Jockey Club, and the payment made outright. Ground will be broken on April 10. Contracts for the track laying, etc., will be let within the next fortnight.

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JEFF AND JOHNSON MAY ARRANGE BOUT

Jack Postpones Trip to Galveston to Make Way For New York Trip and Confab With Former Champ.

CHICAGO, March 17.—Champion Jack Johnson stated this afternoon that he had abandoned his plan of visiting Galveston, his home, at this time, having just received a telegram calling him to New York, where he expected to meet Jeffries for a talk.

Johnson's plans shifted with great rapidity today. At noon he was undecided as to a trip to his old home. At 1 o'clock he suddenly concluded to make the trip, and so telegraphed his mother. At 2:30 he received a telegram from New York, the contents of which he did not divulge, but which seemed to please him. His plans promptly changed again.

"I've got a chance to meet Jeffries in New York, and I'm on my way," he said. "I've just sent a second telegram to my mother, telling her I can't visit her for two weeks or more. I want to see Jeffries face to face. If he is in the boxing game he will talk business."

"I will leave here today at 2:45 and will be in New York tomorrow morning. Then I'll look up Jeffries. I am surely going to visit Galveston, but I may have to wait two or three weeks."

BONHAG SMASHES FIVE-MILE RECORD

Irish-American Runner Clips Fraction of Second From Old Marks.

NEW YORK, March 17.—George V. Bonhag, of the Irish-American Athletic Club, gave a grand exhibition of his prowess as a runner when he won the five-mile race at Madison Square Garden last night in 24:39.2-5. This beat the American indoor record of 25:19.2, made by Tom Collins at the indoor championships here last year.

The five-mile invitation brought together all the Eastern stars, including Bonhag, Collins, Bellars, Bailey, Lee, Muller, Malone, and Obermeyer. At the start Bonhag made the pace for about half a mile, then Bellars came along and took the lead for a couple of laps. His time was 24:39.2-5 for the five miles, beating the former indoor record of 25 minutes. It was said Bonhag made a new record at three and one-half miles, but the old one was made outdoors, so this is no comparison.

MAHMOUT IS WINNER IN STRAIGHT FALLS

Turk Wrestling Champion Easily Lands Bout With Henry Ordeman.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 17.—Yussif Mahmout last night defeated Henry Ordeman, of Minneapolis, at wrestling in two straight falls, the first after one hour's incessant work and the second in ten minutes after Ordeman was exhausted.

A MERRY COMBAT, ONE RIB BREAKS

Grapplers Wax Enthusiastic and an Untimely Injury Is Result.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 17.—The bout between Al Swanson, of Newark, and Charles Leonard, of Elmira, N. Y., who were to wrestle before the Peoria A. C., of this city, was brought to a sudden end by Leonard having a rib broken in the first two minutes of the match.

Swanson caught Leonard in a face lock hold, threw him over his shoulder, and Leonard sustained a broken rib by landing hard on the edge of the mat.

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POTOMACS TO SEND MEMBER TO GOTHAM

Claude Zappone Will Represent Washington Oarsmen at National Convention.

MAKE NO EFFORT TO LAND REGATTA

Labor Day Event a Success, But Financial Burden Still Rests Heavily.

Claude Zappone, one of Washington's most prominent oarsmen, and chairman of the committee selected to pull off the national regatta held on the Potomac last Labor Day, has been chosen as the Potomac Boat Club representative to the meeting of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen in New York on Friday. Zappone will not only represent the Potomac club, but will be the only delegate from Washington.

Washington will make no bid for this year's regatta. While the one held here last Labor Day was a stellar sporting event, it was not a financial success and it is thought by the members of the local club that recuperation from the last affair has not been sufficient to warrant a bid for the event this season. Considerable loss was entailed in the last venture and it will be some little time before the club again enters the field of regatta promoting.

Mr. Zappone is particularly enthusiastic over the rowing and yachting game here and despite the fact that the last regatta promoted by the Potomac fell short by several thousands he thinks the sport is securing a foothold in Washington and will be, in the course of several years, placed permanently on the Capital's sport calendar. There is but little doubt that the game has grown rapidly, the increase of membership at the local clubs being the best proof of this.

According to Mr. Zappone Washington will be a silent factor at the coming meeting in Gotham unless some unexpected developments occur.

It is the opinion of Washington oarsmen that this year's regatta will be held either at Detroit or Saratoga, New York. Both cities have bid for the event for several years and it is thought now that since Eastern clubs have abandoned the idea of promoting the affair, it will go West or North. The game in both these cities is on the rise. The affair should be well patronized at either place.

The Potomac club will discuss its usual events on the Potomac this season. A meeting has been called to discuss plans and preparations for the spring activities.

PROMINENT LEAGUE DROPS FROM SIGHT

Once Famous Auto Association Has Finally Closed Up Its Doors.

NEW YORK, March 17.—The American Motor League, which once had a membership of 5,000, has vanished from the face of the earth, and Isaac B. Potter, its last president, has hung out his shingle as a lawyer in Denver.

The offices of the league in the Vandewater building, Nassau street are dark and deserted. No one is to get information concerning the demise of the organization which once held its head high in the automobile world. Most of the members, it is said, forgot long ago that they belonged to it. Its sudden disappearance will not bother them greatly.

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